

State: Kentucky

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The agency does not apply the trust provisions in any case in which the agency determines that such application would work an undue hardship.

The following criteria will be used to determine whether the agency will not count assets transferred because doing so would work an undue hardship:

When the agency determines the transferred funds are not recoverable, that the transfer was not intended by the original owner(s) to result in Medicaid coverage or was made in circumstances not under the control of the original owner(s), and the applicant or recipient would be unable to receive necessary medical care unless an undue hardship exemption is granted.

At the time it is determined that a transfer of assets has occurred, the recipient is notified of the action to be taken. The notice advises the recipient that an undue hardship exemption may be requested, the procedure for making the request and the appeal process if the decision adversely affects eligibility.

The request for undue hardship exemption will be forwarded in writing to the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) from the Department for Social Insurance (DSI) (or other agency making the eligibility determination for DMS). The request receives immediate attention and a decision provided in the shortest time period possible.

Under the agency's undue hardship provisions, the agency exempts the funds in an irrevocable burial trust.

The maximum value of the exemption for an irrevocable burial trust is: Not Limited.